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Patent App. Not known (US Nat'l phase of PCT/GR00/00012)
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For METHOD FOR ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF THE
PRODUCTS OF A TOBACCO PLANT
Art Unit Not known
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,
please amend as follows:

In the Claims (as amended in the PCT application):

Claim 3, line 2, delete "claims 1 and 2", insert instead
-- claim 1 --,

Claim 4, line 2, delete "claims 1, 2, and 3", insert
instead -- claim 1 --,

Claim 5, line 2, delete "claims 1 to 4", insert instead
-- claim 1 --,

Claim 6, line 2, delete "claims 1 to 5", insert instead
-- claim 1 --,

Claim 7, line 2, delete "claims 1 to 5", insert instead
-- claim 1 --,

Claim 8, line 2, delete "claims 1 to 7", insert instead
-- claim 2 --,

Claim 9, line 2, delete "claims 1 to 7", insert instead
-- claim 1 --,

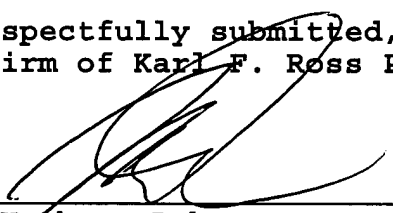
Claim 10, line 2, delete "claims 1 to 9", insert instead
-- claim 1 --,

Claim 11, line 2, delete "claims 1 to 10", insert instead
-- claim 1 --,

Claim 13, line 2, delete "claims 1 to 12", insert instead
-- claim 1 --.

This preliminary amendment is submitted just to reduce
claims charges.

Respectfully submitted,
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 one set of clean claims

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